

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal unit comprising:

a first housing having at least a display section;

a second housing having at least a main operation section, wherein both said first housing and said second housing are coupled together so that said main operation section is covered with said first housing in a closed state and is exposed in an opened state, and said display section is exposed in both said closed state and said opened state;

an auxiliary operation section provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on surfaces of said first housing and said second housing opposed to each other in said closed state; and

a control section for controlling said display section in the closed state and in the opened state,

wherein in the closed state said control section controls said display section to display thereon an item selecting screen for selecting an item from a plurality of items, and

wherein in a state where a specific an item which requires a text input operation by the main operation section is selected from the plurality of items on the item selecting screen, in response to a state change from the closed state to the opened state, the control section controls said display section to change from the item selecting screen, into displaying a text input screen for image corresponding to the selected specific item,

wherein in a state where a specific item which requires a text input an-operation by the main operation section is selected from the plurality of items on the item selecting screen, in response to that the selection of the specific item is being determined by the auxiliary operation section, said control section controls said display section to display thereon a message

screen prompting a user to change said portable unit from the closed state into the opened state, and

wherein said control section controls said display section to display thereon a text input screen for image corresponding to the selected specific item in response to a state change from the closed state to the opened state after the message is displayed.

Claim 2 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein the selecting screen displays a plurality of function items.

Claim 3 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 2 wherein said function items are a mail function, a memorandum function, a schedule book function, a browser function, a message/voice memorandum function, a history function and a camera function.

Claim 4 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said selecting screen displays a plurality of selecting items for one function item.

Claim 5 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal unit is a mobile telephone.

Claim 6 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal unit is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 7 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said first housing and said second housing are coupled to each other so as to be opened and closed by a sliding motion.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal unit comprising:

a first housing having at least a display section;

a second housing having at least a main operation section, wherein both said first housing and said second housing are coupled together so that said main operation section is covered with said first housing in a closed state and is exposed in an opened state, and a display screen of said display section is exposed in both said closed state and said opened state;

a state detecting section for detecting whether said first housing and said second housing are in said opened state or in said closed state;

an auxiliary operation section provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on surfaces of said first housing and said second housing opposed to each other in said closed state.

a control section to control said display section in said closed state and in the opened state,

wherein in the closed state said control section controls said display section to display thereon an item selecting screen for selecting an item from a plurality of items,

wherein in a state where a specific an-item which requires a text input operation by the main operation section is selected from the plurality of items on the item selecting screen, in response to a state change from the closed state to the opened state, the control section controls said display section to change from the item selecting screen, into displaying a text input screen ~~for image corresponding to~~ the selected specific item,

wherein in a state where a specific item which requires a text input ~~an~~ operation by the main operation section is selected from the plurality of items on the item selecting screen, in response to ~~that the~~ selection of the specific item ~~is being~~ determined by the auxiliary operation section, said control section controls said display section to display thereon a message

screen prompting a user to change said portable unit from the closed state into the opened state, and

wherein said control section controls said display section to display thereon a text input screen for image corresponding to the selected specific item in response to a state change from the closed state to the opened state.

Claim 9 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein said selecting screen displays a plurality of function items.

Claim 10 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 9 wherein said function items are a mail function, a memorandum function, a schedule book function, a browser function, a message/voice memorandum function, a history function and a camera function.

Claim 11 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein said selecting screen displays a plurality of selecting items for one function item.

Claim 12 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein said portable terminal unit is a mobile telephone.

Claim 13 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein said portable terminal unit is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 14 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein said first housing and said second housing are coupled to each other so as to be opened and closed by a sliding motion.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal unit comprising:

a first housing which has a main operation section; a second housing; a coupling section which rotatably couples said first housing and said second housing, in which said portable terminal unit is in a closed state when said first and second housings are overlapped thereby covering said main operation section or in an opened state by rotating either of said first and second housings to expose said main operation section;

a display section provided on a surface of said second housing, which faces in a same direction as a surface of said main operation section;

a state detecting section for detecting whether first and second housings are in said opened state or said closed state;

an auxiliary operation section provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on surfaces of said first housing and said second housing opposed to each other in said closed state; and

a control section to control said display section in said closed state and in the opened state,

wherein in the closed state said control section controls said display section to display thereon an item selecting screen for selecting an item from a plurality of items, and

wherein in a state where a specific an-item which requires a text input operation by the main operation section is selected from the plurality of items on the item selecting screen, in response to a state change from the closed state to the opened state, the control section controls said display section to change from the item selecting screen, into displaying a text input screen for image corresponding to the selected specific item,

wherein in a state where a specific item which requires a text input an-operation by the main operation section is selected from the plurality of items on the item selecting screen,

in response to that ~~the~~ selection of the specific item is being ~~is~~ determined by the auxiliary operation section, said control section controls said display section to display thereon a message screen prompting a user to change said portable unit from the closed state into the opened state, and

wherein said control section controls said display section to display thereon a text input screen for image corresponding to the selected specific item in response to a state change from the closed state to the opened state.

Claim 16 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 15,
wherein the selecting screen displays a plurality of function items.

Claim 17 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 16 wherein said function items are a mail function, a memorandum function, a schedule book function, a browser function, a message/voice memorandum function, a history function and a camera function.

Claim 18 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 15,
wherein said selecting screen displays a plurality of selecting items in one function item.

Claim 19 (Original): The portable terminal unit according to claim 15, wherein said portable terminal unit is a mobile telephone.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The portable terminal unit according to claim 15, wherein said portable terminal unit is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 21 (Cancelled): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, further comprising: an auxiliary operation section provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on surfaces of said first housing and said second housing opposed to each

other in said closed state, wherein the control section controls the display of the selecting screen on said display section when said auxiliary operation section is operated in the closed state.

Claim 22 (Cancelled): The portable terminal unit according to claim 8 further comprising: an auxiliary operation section comprising at least one key provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on surfaces of said first housing and said second housing opposed to each other in said closed state, wherein the control section controls the display of the selecting screen on said display section when said at least one key is operated in the closed state.

Claim 23 (Cancelled): The portable terminal unit according to claim 15 further comprising: an auxiliary operation section comprising at least one key provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on a surface of said first housing or said second housing opposed to each other in said closed state, wherein the control section controls the display of the selecting screen on said display section when said at least one key is operated in the closed state.

Claim 24 (Cancelled): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, further comprising:

an auxiliary operation section provided on either said first housing or said second housing other than on surfaces of said first housing and said second housing opposed to each other in said closed state

wherein the control section

controls said display section to display the item selecting screen thereon in said closed state by an operation of said auxiliary operation section,

controls said display section to display a message screen thereon in response to that a specific item which requires an operation by the main operation section is

selected from a plurality of items shown in the selecting screen by an operation of said auxiliary operation section, the message screen prompting a user to change said portable unit into the opened state, and

controls said display section to display a display screen image corresponding to the specific item thereon when said portable terminal unit is brought into said opened state after the message screen is displayed.

Claim 25 (Cancelled): The portable terminal unit according to claim 24, wherein the message screen prompts a user to change said portable unit into the opened state.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein the control section controls the display section to change from displaying an upper layer screen in the closed state into a lower layer screen in response to a state change from the closed state to the opened state.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein the control section activates a function corresponding to the selected item in response to the state change from the closed state to the opened state, to display the screen image corresponding to the selected item.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented) The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary operation section is configured to input a first signal for selecting an item from the plurality of items on the item selecting screen, and a second signal for determining the selection of the item selected by the first signal.